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## December 2010 Digest

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#### Governing Board Re-Elects Chair and co-Vice Chairs

On December 15th, the CIRM Governing Board voted to re-elect current chair Robert Klein and current co-vice chairs Art Torres and Duane Roth. Klein will serve for up to 180 days to aid in the process of identifying a new chair.

[Read the press release](#)

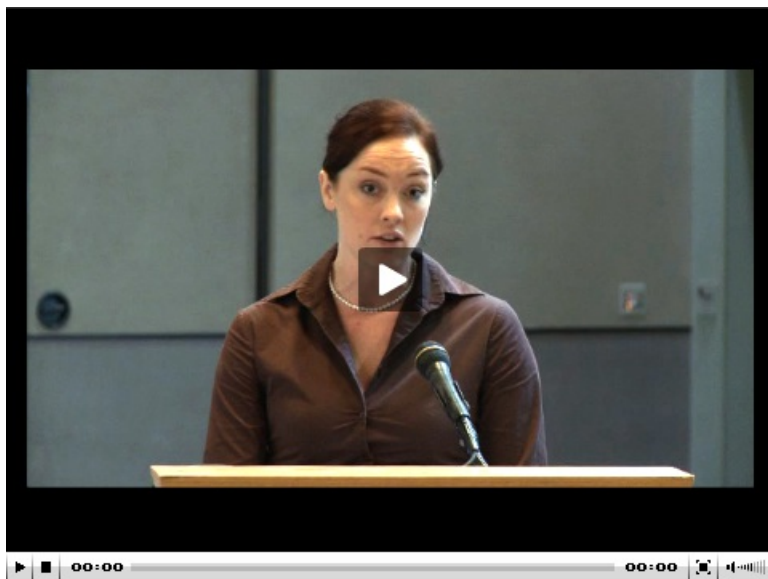
#### New Funding Opportunity

In December, CIRM released a Request for Applications (RFA) for the CIRM Disease Team Therapy Development Awards. These awards are an expansion of the original Disease Team initiative and will enable preclinical and/or early clinical development of novel therapies derived from targeting stem cells or utilizing direct reprogramming.

[Read the RFA](#)

#### New CIRM Spotlight on Disease Video

Videos of CIRM's "Spotlight on Devic's Disease" are now posted. Devic's Disease, also known as neuromyelitis optica (NMO), is a neurological disorder that affects vision and spinal cord function. The Spotlight was presented in partnership with the Guthy-Jackson Charitable Foundation.



[Watch the videos](#)

#### BioTime to Make Human Stem Cell Lines Available to California Researchers

On December 8th, BioTime, Inc. reached an agreement with CIRM to provide five clinical-grade human embryonic stem cell lines to CIRM grantees and California-based researchers.

[Read the press release](#)

#### External Review Team Reports their Findings to Governing Board

On December 8th, the eight-person External Advisory Panel (EAP), who in October investigated CIRM's progress to date and trajectory moving forward, presented their joint findings to the Governing Board.

[Read the press release](#)

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